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SUBJECT : Presidential Candidate Bui ngoc PHUONG Names Dr. Nguyen van Ba his Vice-Presidential Running Mate

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Saigon Daily News reports May 27 that Presidential candidate Bui ngoc Phuong has named Dr. Nguyen van Ba his running mate in the Vietnamese Presidential elections.

Mr. Phuong said Dr. Ba was named on May 24, 1967 by the Republican Democratic Party of Viet-Nam to be the vice-presidential candidate. This party has just been formed by Mr. Phuong and his friends.

According to Phuong, Dr. Ba was born in 1911 in Go Cong; is a "revolutionary" who lived in exile in Japan during the colonial period; is a leader in the "Nationalist Youth Party" and has been "fighting for the national cause."

"Dr. Ba and I have the same ideal," said Mr. Phuong, "to reinstate morality and rebuild love."

Comment: Dr. Ba's candidacy assures the Phuong-Ba ticket of at least two votes in the coming elections.

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